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TO: Local EMS Agency Administrators
Local EMS Agency Medical Directors
California Fire Chiefs Association
California Highway Patrol
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of the State Fire Marshal
California Paramedic Program Directors Association
California Council of EMS Educators
California Ambulance Association
California Professional Firefighters Association
California State Firefighters Association
Service Employees International Union
National Registry of EMTs
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Richard E. Watson
Interim Director

Daniel R. Smiley for

SUBJECT: NATIONAL REGISTRY EMT-I CERTIFYING EXAMINATION ROLLOUT MEETING SCHEDULE

The EMS Authority is pleased to announce the schedule of eight regional meetings to be held throughout California regarding the statewide rollout of the National Registry's EMT-Basic Certification examination. The EMS Authority is partnering with the National Registry of EMTs and local EMS agencies to hold these meetings in order for local and statewide EMT-I certifying authorities and local EMS systems to transition to the January 1, 2006 deadline for the statewide conversion to the National Registry's EMT-Basic certification examination.

The EMS Authority is asking for your assistance in distributing this schedule to all training programs, EMT-I service providers, and any other interested parties and encourage all key personnel that will be affected by this transition to attend one of these important meetings. The EMS Authority is not planning any additional rollout meetings so it is important that key personnel attend one or more of these scheduled meetings.

In preparation for the January 1, 2006 transition date, the EMS Authority also encourages EMT-I certifying authorities (statewide and local public safety agencies and local EMS agencies) to prepare their training programs and develop administrative procedures for conversion to the National Registry EMT-I Certification Examination process for the Fall 2005 semester. The January 1, 2006 transition date is firm and

there will not be any extensions of the statewide rollout of the National Registry EMT-I Certification Examination granted.

Each rollout meeting will follow the same schedule. The morning session will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will be geared towards the administrative aspects of the National Registry's application and examination administration processes as well as troubleshooting any issues and concerns that arise. This session will be most important for EMT-I certifying authority administrators and staff (local EMS agencies and local public safety EMT-I certifying authority staff) and any test administration organization, if the local EMS agency chooses to use a test administration organization. The 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. session will be geared towards EMT-I training programs, EMT-I instructors, EMT-I service providers and other interested parties. Local EMS agency staff are encouraged to attend the afternoon session to answer any questions that may arise regarding the administration of the certification examination.

SCHEDULE	
Southern California Regional Meeting	Northern California Regional Meetings
March 14, 2005 Rancho Cucamonga Rancho Cucamonga City Council Chambers 10500 Civic Center Drive Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729 (909) 388-5823	April 4, 2005 Sacramento UC Davis Medical Center Cancer Center 4501 X Street Sacramento, CA 98517 (916) 875-9753 (There is a charge for parking, \$1.00 per hour)
March 15, 2005 Bakersfield Kern County Fire Department Headquarters – Olive Drive Training Facility 5642 Victor Street Bakersfield, CA 93308 (661) 868-5200	April 5, 2005 Santa Rosa Sonoma County Department of Health Services Conference Room 475 Aviation Blvd. Santa Rosa, CA 95403 (707) 565-6501

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March 16, 2005 Madera Children Hospital Central California 9300 Valley Children's Place, Room 150 Madera, Ca 93636 (559) 445- 3387	April 6, 2005 Eureka Wharfinger Building Eureka Public Marina, Number 1 531 K Street Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 445-2081
March 17, 2005 Monterey Steinbeck Forum Room 1 Portola Plaza Monterey, CA (831) 755-5013	April 7, 2005 Redding Northern California EMS Agency 43 Hilltop Drive Redding, CA 96003 (530) 229-3979

If you have any questions, please contact Sean Trask of my staff at (916) 322-4336, extension 408 or by email at sean.trask@emsa.ca.gov.